

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1141

By Trail

A RESOLUTION to commend Richard Smith for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Richard Smith is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Larry Trail; Mr. Smith's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Trail, his Legislative Assistant Craig Dulniak, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roane County, he is the son of Mark and Donna Smith and the brother of Daniel Smith and Amy Smith and a 2002 graduate of Roane County High School; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at Middle Tennessee State University, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while majoring in Political Science with a Pre-Law Concentration and a minor in English; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Smith brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Mr. Smith has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, he has excelled in his duties with committee meetings, caucuses, floor sessions, and legislative receptions and tirelessly compiled bills, summaries, fiscal notes, and amendments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was blessed with the opportunity to meet and interact with outstanding Tennesseans such as Representative Charles Curtiss and Representative Kent

Coleman, Reverend Jack Shaffer, Jim Spears, David Mills, and Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Webb, and he thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow interns as well as the legislative staff; and

WHEREAS, he also had the singular opportunity to listen to numerous, prestigious speakers and participate in intern excursions and the annual Intern-Legislator Basketball and Softball Games; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary interlude as a legislative intern, Mr. Smith has always displayed the utmost appreciation for any food that was freely given to the legislators, staff, and interns; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and work ethic that Mr. Smith has displayed will surely serve him well as he completes his Bachelor of Science and pursues a law degree in the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and thank Richard Smith for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Trail and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.